

HOUSE RESOLUTION 62

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dana Perry on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dana Perry is one such estimable individual, who has been named a 2015 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, as a young girl, Dana Perry developed a close relationship with her grandparents and elderly neighbors, and those bonds cultivated her desire to support senior citizens as she became a professional within the legal industry. Her law practice has a focus on elder law and those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the former managing partner and a senior shareholder at Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel, P.C., Dana Perry carried on the tradition of instilling a company-wide focus on philanthropy and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, with a lifelong commitment to giving back to the community, Mrs. Perry has served on numerous boards, and she has volunteered her time to numerous organizations, including the Urban League, WTCI, River City Company, the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Junior League. She was recently appointed to board service with Meritas, a global alliance of 174 firms; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Perry has been recognized by *Mid-South Super Lawyers* and *Best Lawyers in America* numerous times. *Best Lawyers in America 2014* named her "Chattanooga Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to her Lord, Dana Perry is a faithful member of Thankful Memorial Episcopal Church in St. Elmo; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, Charles, and their children, Sam and Melissa, and grandchildren, Charlie, Athena, and Sebastian; she credits her thirty-year marriage as her greatest success; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Dana Perry takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Dana Perry who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dana Perry on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.